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AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's office action of May 13, 2003 Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the requirement for restriction:

Response to Requirement for Restriction begins on page 2 of this paper.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed invention group for prosecution on the merits, Applicant elects Group I, drawn to a method for cleaning a wafer, classified in class 134, subclass 1+, including claims 2-19, 29-32 and 37-63 and request the election to be entered without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected Group II, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 219, subclass 121.78, including claims 34 and 64 in a future divisional application.

If this response is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at 617-558-5389

Respectfully submitted,

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